

**USED Final Listing of District Title I Allocations
of \$500,000 or More for 2003-04 School Year Which
Are Likely To Be Spending Left-Over Title I Funding
For This School Year By September 30**

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On May 22, we sent a memo to TechMIS subscribers which provided the names of districts receiving preliminary allocations by USED of \$500,000 or more for Title I funding for FY 2003. After SEAs received e-mails with their district allocations, a number of errors were identified which apparently have been corrected in the most recent final allocation listing posted by USED on their website in July (go to www.ed.gov/offices/OUS/TitleILEAs/FY03allocations/index.html#reservation).

Districts (marked with asterisk) which received an increase of \$1 million in Title I funding or more for the 2002-2003 school year which are receiving another substantial increase for this coming school year are not likely to carryover unspent Title I funds from this year to next year and are prime candidates for purchasing products and services by September 30. The probability is even greater in districts with asterisks which held in reserve up to 20 percent of 2002-03's Title I allocation for transportation costs associated with student transfers or for supplemental education services because they knew they had schools identified for improvement as of September 2002. For the most part, these transportation and supplemental education service costs were not incurred; hence, districts with five or more schools identified for improvement during this last school year are even more likely to have unexpended Title I funds. With some exceptions, these funds have to be expended by September 30, the end of the Federal fiscal year. If you are interested in the names of these districts with likely leftover earmarks for transportation and supplemental education services which do not have to be spent on these activities, please contact Charles Blaschke.

The vast majority of the funding increases for next school year will not be in the hands of the districts until October 1 at the earliest and most likely not until November/December, as these increases -- mostly in the "targeted" and "incentive" components of the Title I formula -- were "advance" funded. Moreover, SEAs will have to make adjustments in allocations to districts receiving increases taking into account the number of schools identified for improvement which will receive a portion of the two percent set-aside for school improvement. Additional adjustments will be made later in the year taking into account the number of Title I-eligible students who are enrolled in charter schools. Hence, for many large districts the final allocation from the state arrive as late as February-March. If you have any questions contact Charles Blaschke.